

US Department of Labor announces \$150 million in 'Pathways Out of Poverty' training grants for green jobs

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The Department of Labor (DOL) announced this morning the award recipients of the Pathways Out of Poverty grants. LACCD is one of 38 recipients awarded throughout the nation. The total amount of the award for LACCD is \$4,000,000 to serve the South Los Angeles communities of Watts, Willowbrook, and Florence-Graham.

LACCD submitted this proposal under a collaborative effort that includes the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board (WIB) together with the Community Development Department (CDD), the County of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board, the California Conservation Corps, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Los Angeles City/County Energy Efficiency Block Grant Programs, and local energy efficiency/retrofitting companies. This project will leverage LACCD's educational infrastructure and work closely with the following district colleges to deploy its full array of services: LA Southwest College, LA City College, LA Trade-Tech College, East LA College, and LA Valley College.

The purpose of the project is to recruit, train, and provide placement service to 925 unemployed or dislocated workers in the energy efficiency, weatherization, and green building retrofit sectors. Due to its alignment with the Los Angeles City and County AB 811 programs (state legislation allowing municipalities to fund energy efficient upgrades to residential, commercial and industrial buildings passed in 2008), this project can develop a skilled workforce while also enhancing the capacity of local employers seeking to provide ground-level energy audits, energy efficient technology installation, and green building retrofit services.

The funding amount will support the project in focusing its training service towards select high-poverty communities within the South Los Angeles area. It will build upon existing programs offered through LACCD in order to expand regional green jobs training initiatives that partner with local employment/training stakeholders and regional corporations. The project will create a better-skilled workforce by deploying the following:

- Bridge Program Model and Regional Information-Exchange Forums
- Short-term training and sequential education (via the district's non-credit vocational and credit based Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses
- Employment Exposure Experiences & Internships

Lead Applicant Name: Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)
Project Title: South L.A. Corridors & Career Pathways
Urban Areas Served: South Los Angeles (communities: Watts, Willowbrook, Florence-Graham,)
Funding Amount: \$4,000,000

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